



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. TED MORTON
LEGISLATOR

County Executive Mark Poloncarz
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

May 19, 2014

Executive Poloncarz,

With the recent passing of Ralph Wilson, Jr., it is now imperative that all levels of government work to examine the idea of a new stadium in Erie County, in the most transparent way possible.

As I'm sure you are aware, the New Stadium Working Group and the Erie County Stadium Corp. has recently come under criticism for keeping portions of the meetings closed to the public. Your office recently mentioned that they are in compliance with portions of the Open Meetings Law, but to my knowledge there has been a lack of communication to the public regarding the date and time of these meetings. With high levels of public interest in a new stadium, I believe it is essential to our constituents that this group comply with the law to keep the public informed on the developments regarding a new stadium. I am in full support of Senator Patrick Gallivan and Assemblyman Michael Kearns in their efforts to pass legislation requiring the New Stadium Working Group fully comply with the Open Meetings Law (S7219/A9454).

I urge you, on behalf of all of the constituents we serve, to push the New Stadium Working Group and the Erie County Stadium Corp. to comply with the Open Meetings Law and to keep the public apprised of the date and time of meetings. If the taxpayers of Erie County are expected to help finance a new stadium, they have a right to a seat at the table.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Morton", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Legislator Ted Morton
8th Legislative District

CC:
Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Honorable Patrick Gallivan
Honorable Michael Kearns